

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

ARAKI *et al.*

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For: **DIFLUOROMETHANESULFONYL
ANILIDE DERIVATIVES USEFUL
AS HERBICIDES**

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Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner for Patents
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Mail Stop Amendment

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated July 6, 2007, requesting an election of one invention to prosecute in the above-referenced patent application, Applicant hereby provisionally elects to prosecute the invention of Group I, represented by the original filed claims 1-7 and amended claims 1-5 and 7, directed to a compound of formula I, wherein Y is CH. This election is made without prejudice to or disclaimer of the other claims or inventions disclosed.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such

extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.